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TAFT COMING TO RICHMOND FOR POLITICAL ADDRESS NEXT WEEK

Republican Nominee to Speak at City Auditorium on Saturday Night.

MAKES WHIRLWIND DASH

Coming Here from North Carolina on His Way to See President Roosevelt.

Announcement was made in Cincinnati yesterday that Judge William Howard Taft, Republican nominee for President of the United States, will speak in Richmond on the evening of Saturday, October 17th. He will stop here for a few hours after a whirlwind dash through the South.

Local Republicans and Taft Democrats were not aware last night that Mr. Taft was coming. They had urged him to speak in Richmond, and while several of them had heard that he would probably speak in Richmond, they were not advised as to the date. Arrangements, therefore, for the meeting will not be made until today, though it was stated that the City Auditorium would be secured.

Democrats will hear him. Regardless of party affiliation, without renouncing any allegiance to the Democratic party or to William Jennings Bryan, the citizens of Richmond will give Mr. Taft a most respectful hearing, with indications this early that he will be greeted by a tremendous audience. The prominence of the man guarantees as much, even if there is little hope of converting stalwart Democrats, who are working heroically for Mr. Bryan's election.

Mr. Taft will arrive here from Greensboro, N. C., late Saturday afternoon. His Southern program will include speeches at Louisville, Chattanooga, Knoxville, Bristol, Tenn., Greensboro and Richmond. Immediately after his address next Saturday night he will leave for Washington for a long Sunday conference with President Roosevelt.

The former Secretary of War has never spoken in Richmond. He had been scheduled to speak at the National Supply Dealers, although he was forced to cancel it at the last moment for a hurried business trip to Panama. His visit, it is believed, will be limited, and he will go from his special train to the place of meeting and then back to the train.

Taft's Southern Program. The Associated Press sent the following dispatch from Cincinnati last night relating to the movements of the Republican nominee.

"W. H. Taft, President Roosevelt's choice for the White House, will spend Sunday, October 18th, in Richmond, Va., where he will give a political address at the City Auditorium."

"After the three days in Ohio, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week, Mr. Taft will make a whirlwind tour of the South, visiting Cincinnati, Ky.; October 15th; Chattanooga, Tenn.; October 16th; Greensboro, N. C., October 17th, and Richmond, Va., October 18th."

The Richmond meeting will take place Saturday night and at its conclusion the Taft special will make for Washington to remain until Monday morning. Newark, Trenton and Philadelphia will be visited on Monday, October 19th, after which Mr. Taft will return to Baltimore, and then turn westward again, speaking the next day in West Virginia and then proceeding to Ohio and the succeeding three days to Indiana.

"He may make one speech in Chicago, and then give the remainder of the campaign to New York City and State, closing his work on the night of November 2d at Youngstown, O."

A. L. Vorys will accompany Mr. Taft for the remainder of his campaign tour.

Luke Wright Follows Him. Though Mr. Taft is understood to speak in Richmond, it is understood that Hon. William R. Meredith will introduce Mr. Taft. Mr. Meredith is a prominent member of the Virginia Republican party and he is understood to have been introduced by the National Republican ticket in the November election.

Secretary of War Luke E. Wright, who succeeded Mr. Taft at that post, is also scheduled for an address in Richmond on October 28th.

MR. LEWIS HERE

Former Consul-General to Rio de Janeiro Visits Mr. Mulford.

Mr. John T. Lewis, who was consul-general under former President McKinley to Rio de Janeiro, is in the city visiting his friend, Mr. F. W. Mulford, claim agent of the Virginia Passenger & Power Company.

Mr. Lewis and Mr. Mulford served together in Newport News as employees of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway in the early 90's. Mr. Lewis went into the government service, and later Mr. Mulford came to Richmond. Mr. Lewis came back to his native county of Mecklenburg, where he has established a stock farm near Clarksville, and has been in the service of the consul-general for three years as the representative of the St. Louis Exposition Co. He came here yesterday. Mr. Lewis had not met Mr. Mulford since 1890.

SUIT AGAINST CAR COMPANY

Church Hill Woman Asks Heavy Damages for Fall Sustained.

In the Law and Equity Court yesterday the suit of Mrs. Mary Butler against the Richmond Traction Company was heard with a wealth of testimony and argument. Mrs. Butler claims that on July 21, 1907, she was alighting from a street car at Twenty-fifth and Venable Streets, the car was started suddenly, throwing her heavily to the ground and inflicting serious injuries. She asks \$10,000 damages. The jury will probably return a verdict today.

One and Commonwealth's Attorney Gunn in his cell Monday following the tragedy. The witness stated that he heard the conversation, it being relative to the circumstances immediately preceding the fatal shot.

Witness in Rebuttal. Garnett said that Smith told the attorney that Murphy came into his room, approaching his bedside with arms extended toward his children, that he (Smith) instantly grabbed for his pistol, sprang to his feet and ordered the intruder to leave the room; that Murphy did so, and that he (Smith) followed him down the hall to Murphy's bedroom, where the shooting occurred.

The witness was recalled subsequently to the different story told by Smith on the stand. Dr. Deas was also present at the time of the conversation in the cell, but did not recollect the words of the prisoner.

On the stand Smith did not remember relating such circumstances in the cell as those testified to by the jailer. A number of prominent men of this city and other States were introduced as character witnesses, each of whom swore that the prisoner was a man of good reputation.



WILLIAM H. TAFT.

NAME DATES FOR MEETINGS HERE

Governor Swanson to Speak at Academy of Music Next Friday Night.

Chairman James B. Doherty, of the City Democratic Committee yesterday gave out the following appointments for the fall campaign:

Colonel James R. Catton, Sanger Hall, October 15th; Judge R. T. W. Duke, Sanger Hall, October 15th; Hon. Claude A. Swanson, Academy, October 16th; Mr. Daniel F. Cochran, Belvidere Hall, October 16th; Carter Glass, Belvidere Hall, October 16th; Hon. Thomas S. Martin, Sanger Hall, October 23d; Hon. Robert L. Taylor, Academy, October 23d; Hon. H. H. George Tucker, Corcoran Hall, October 29th; Hon. A. J. Montague, Jefferson Auditorium, October 30th.

Mr. Doherty announced that he would probably make some additional appointments for the city, but in this event they would all conform to the dates given above. In other words, he said that he would probably be able to supply an additional speaker for each of the appointments announced above, where only one is named. The City Democratic Committee will meet in regular session next Friday night at Murphy's Hotel.

KOINER HIGHLY PLEASED

Commissioner Returns from Extended Trip Through the Southwest.

Commissioner of Agriculture George W. Koiner has returned from a tour of inspection through the Southwest. He was accompanied by a number of his staff.

Mr. Koiner says he found the farmers deeply interested in the work, and that many of them expressed a desire that further institutes be held in their communities.

"The Southwest is a great country," said Mr. Koiner, "and it is a pity that while I was away who has recently purchased a grazing farm which cost him \$200 per acre. It is a fine piece of land, with coal, cabbage and potatoes, and indeed, nearly everything contributory to man's prosperity which can be raised on the ground. The people as a rule are industrious, happy and prosperous, and it is indeed a pleasure to visit such a country."

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Captain Wilson Away. Captain P. St. Julien Wilson will leave today to make an inspection in his official capacity as State Highway Commissioner of recent work done in the State of Alabama, Culpeper, Orange and Fauquier. Captain Wilson will be absent for several days, but will return in time to attend a good roads rally to be held in Dinwiddie county on October 16th.

Sons of Veterans. A call has been issued for a meeting of R. E. Lee Camp, Sons of Confederate Veterans, on next Monday evening at 8 o'clock.

W. L. DOUGLAS

THE BEST \$3.50 SHOES FOR MEN

W. L. DOUGLAS MAKES AND SELLS MORE

MEN'S \$3.50 SHOES THAN ANY OTHER

MANUFACTURER IN THE WORLD.

The reason W. L. Douglas \$3.50 shoes are worn by more men in all walks of life than any other make is because I give the wearer the benefit of the most complete organization of skilled shoemakers in this country, who receive the highest wages paid in the shoe industry and whose workmanship cannot be excelled.

The selection of the leathers and other materials for each part of the shoe and every detail of the making is looked after by specially trained experts in every department.

If I could take you into my large factories at Brockton, Mass., and show you how carefully W. L. Douglas \$3.50 shoes are made, you would then understand why they hold their shape, fit better, wear longer, and are of greater value than any other make.

W. L. DOUGLAS \$4.00 GILT EDGE SHOE Cannot Be Equalled at Any Price.

W. L. DOUGLAS BOYS' SHOES \$1.75 AND \$2.00. JUST THE SAME AS MY MEN'S \$3.50 SHOES. THE SAME LEATHERS, FOR \$1.75 AND \$2.00.

W. L. Douglas name and price is stamped on the bottom which protects the wearer from high prices and inferior work. REFUSE TO BE DECEIVED. TAKE NO SUBSTITUTES.

Foot Color Evident and necessary. Catalog Free. W. L. DOUGLAS, Brockton, Mass.

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CIRCUS RIDER IS SERIOUSLY HURT

Miss Tab Meador, of Pawnee Bill's Show, Thrown from Pony and Trampled On.

Miss Tab Meador, rich woman, and one of the favorite riders in Pawnee Bill's Wild West show, was seriously injured last night in a fall from her horse as she was riding in the cow-boys' race in the small arena. She was in the act of turning on the curve directly in front of the big bleachers when her pony, reviving too suddenly, became tangled up with the one in front, fell headlong, and pitched her rider to the ground. In the scramble that ensued the pony rolled over on top of its prostrate rider and kicked her. Circus employees rushed to her aid, and Dr. Hoskins, of the city ambulance, was immediately summoned.

She was carried back to one of the tents in the rear, where she was treated by the ambulance surgeon. At the time it was not known whether she was suffering from internal injuries, but Dr. Hoskins stated that her hurt would not prove serious unless complications of some nature developed. Pawnee Bill showed much anxious solicitude.

Miss Meador is not a regular circus rider; she is taking the rounds with Pawnee Bill and his show more as a pleasure trip and experience than anything else. She is a native of Ohio, and is the owner of several oil possessions in Pawnee, Oklahoma, her native city, and is well known in that and other States.

Not Mr. H. R. Jeter, of Hanover. In the account The Times-Dispatch yesterday morning concerning an injury to a passenger on a Clay Street car the evening before, it was stated that H. R. Jeter, an old colored man, had an ear cut off. The H. R. Jeter mentioned should not be confused with Mr. H. R. Jeter, of Hanover county, who is a young white man, twenty-two years of age, and is engaged in the telephone business.

Dr. Myers Named. Governor Swanson yesterday appointed Dr. George T. Myers, of Norfolk, a member of the medical corps of the Virginia State militia. Dr. Myers will be assigned to duty as a member of Battery B, First Battalion, Virginia Artillery, with headquarters at Norfolk.

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Boys' Overcoats
Boys' Reefers
Boys' RaincoatsAt a Third Off
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Every Coat carried over from last season will be on Sale to-day at

33 Per Cent. Discount

All \$12.50 Coats reduced to	\$8.50
All \$10.00 Coats reduced to	\$6.67
All \$ 7.50 Coats reduced to	\$5.00
All \$ 5.00 Coats reduced to	\$3.34
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The styles are right and the qualities are right. It's our way of keeping our stock clear of carried over goods.

Gans-Rady Company

NIGHT RIDERS ARE DENOUNCED

(Continued From First Page.)

methods of tobacco men in some sections. The evening closed with refreshments and general enjoyment, Pfk Miller being again and again recalled to tell favorite stories.

The members of the association will make an excursion to Jamestown Island today, leaving from the Old Dominion wharf on the steamer Brandon at 9 A. M. A business session will be held on the boat, at which time the report of Secretary Hagan will be presented and the election of officers will take place.

President's Address.

President Carrington presented his annual report at the speaker last night, ably discussing conditions as they affect the business in which the members of the association are engaged. After congratulations on a successful gathering and a brief review of the past year, President Carrington took up in turn the work of the tobacco planter, extending often with pessimism soil and small capital; the commission merchant and warehouseman, the dealer, and the manufacturer, giving to each his place in carrying on a joint business. He continued:

"The large tobacco corporations should appreciate that with their power goes certain obligations that must be observed, and when they are not exercised for good no troublesome results will follow. Their very size renders their acts much more far-reaching and resultant than the same actions on the part of an individual or small concern, based on the laws of supply and demand, and that continued high prices will not only cut off demand, but will bring about, unless most strenuously guarded against, such large crops that it will not only be a financial, but a physical impossibility to properly care for them at the values prevailing on a smaller production, and the very fact that tobacco is selling at extreme values should serve as a warning against the dangers of overproduction, and they should not unduly resent low prices, when if they will but be honest with themselves, they can but admit that it was due to overproduction."

Reign of Mob Law. "In this connection it must be noticed that in some parts of the country the mob law has taken the excuse of so-called unsatisfactory prices of tobacco to become rampant, and to such an extent has the spirit of lawlessness and selfishness obtained that to carry out the objects of certain associations they have gone so far as to threaten membership in detaching to those who wish the 'glorious privilege of being independent,' and by the most outrageous methods have prevented others from planting tobacco, and have thus alienated a large part of the industry, the effects of which it will take years to overcome. Should any one in a peaceful and law-abiding community have any such ideas in view they should study the effects where this lawlessness has prevailed."

Suits Against Trusts. "The report would not be complete without some mention of the now pending suits of the United States government against the large tobacco corporations. It is to be regretted that causes should have been instituted on which opinion as to the final outcome, the results so far have not been without some compensation, even to the defendants, as everything has been so open and frank, and so many certain things made sure, that the atmosphere in every respect has been considerably cleared, resulting in

surer and clearer understanding, which must tend to a better feeling, and it is sincerely to be hoped that in future our whole trade will be carried on in such a manner of openness and fair dealing that the most exacting will have no reason to appeal to the law. It was endeavored to obtain the most accurate statistics possible as to the several species of tobacco, and beg to submit the following:

BRIGHT TOBACCO, 1907 CROP. "South Carolina produced 22,000,000 pounds; average price, \$19.50, its production varying from 20,000,000 to 40,000,000 pounds.

"Eastern North Carolina produced 62,000,000 pounds; average price, \$10.50, its production varying from 50,000,000 to 100,000,000 pounds.

"Old Belt, Virginia and North Carolina, produced 121,500,000 pounds; average price, \$9.50, its production varying from 100,000,000 to 135,000,000 pounds. The above variation in South Carolina and Eastern North Carolina is due to the fact that cotton is raised when tobacco is low.

DARK TOBACCO, 1907 CROP. "Virginia shipping, 43,000,000 pounds, at \$9.00; Virginia manufacturing, 8,000,000 pounds, at \$9.25; Kentucky and Tennessee dark, 130,000,000 pounds, at \$12.25; Kentucky stemming districts, 55,000,000 pounds, at \$8.00.

BURLEY, 1907 CROP. "Kentucky, Ohio, West Virginia, etc., 220,000,000 pounds, prices ranging from \$12.00 to \$15.00 average. On account of the fact that conditions, nothing accurate can be attempted.

Political Outlook. "The political outcome of this presidential year need worry but very little any tobacco man. It is not thought the election of either Mr. Taft or Mr. Bryan is going to affect the amount of tobacco chewed or smoked, and while some extreme partisan can say the country is going to ruin if his candidate is not elected, I have no doubt if he is disappointed he will simply make the best of it and do all he can to prevent his predictions from becoming true."

"Among the economic questions that very nearly touches our trade is the financial one. All our tobacco is primarily sold for cash, and it would be of the greatest benefit if the local banks could be in a position to better finance this business. The bill offered by Mr. Fowler, a member of the House of Representatives from New Jersey, commends itself as being helpful to the smaller banks and taking business out of the dependency of the speculators of the money centres than any other, and it would be well for every tobacco trader to get a copy of this bill and see if they could not induce our banks to be patterned after the Canadian banking laws, and by its plan a bank issues money against its assets. It also has a provision for an insurance fund to guarantee depositors, and these two features would enable our banks to be absolutely independent of money centres. The idea that depositors should be guaranteed is becoming more and more prevalent, and it has been well stated that our municipal and governmental deposits have to be secured, and that why should an individual not be equally as careful?"

The Parcel Post. "The parcel postage law has had our consideration for some time, and I hope the time will soon be opportune to obtain this very important legislation. Notwithstanding the Postmaster-General recommended it to the last Congress, nothing could be done on account of the strong protest on the part of leading business organizations, and the reason they claimed it would tend to help the trade of large mail order department stores to the hurt of business in towns and country."

"So with fires without, and old Senator Platt, president of one express company, and the guardian angel of them all, within, it was useless to make any effort at the last session of Congress."

"And now in closing my annual report I wish to state that our association has been very busy, yet the important work of protesting to some purpose against advance duty on strips in 1904, our efforts in having the fire insurance matters more intelligently and satisfactorily worked out, and other work quietly, but we hope effectively, now undertaken by the officers of this association are samples that but illustrate what can be done by a large and active membership."

Governor Swanson yesterday commuted the sentence of William Plimney, of Franklin county, a negro who was convicted of criminal assault, and sentenced to die in the jail, and sentenced to the penitentiary on October 30th. The sentence was commuted to life imprisonment. The Governor's action being based upon recommendations from the judge, the Commonwealth's attorney and many reputable citizens of the community, who were certain to their belief that the prisoner is an idiot, and was therefore not responsible for his crime.

Building Permits. Building and repair permits were issued yesterday to the following:

F. W. Millz, to erect a detached frame dwelling at No. 202 South Harrison Street, cost \$1,100.

Isaac Donnell, to repair a frame dwelling at No. 1010 St. James Street, cost \$300.

Isaac Jackson, to repair a frame dwelling at 310 St. James Street, cost \$100.

Mrs. Henrietta Block, to erect a flat metal pier at No. 35 East Broad Street.

25 cents to see Pawnee Bill's Great Wild West at the fair to-day.

Half Rates at Fair To-Day

Directors of the Virginia State Fair decided at a late hour last night to cut the general admission price to-day from 50 cents to 25 cents. This was done in order to give the people of Richmond an opportunity to see the best fair ever held here.

Working people, who cannot attend here before, will be enabled to visit the fair at half rates. The reduction, however, which applies to all classes, has no reference to grandstand tickets.

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SMITH JURY UNABLE TO REACH QUICK VERDICT

Came in for Supper After Deliberating Over Case for an Hour.

WILL REPORT AT 10 TO-DAY

Prisoner Goes on Stand and Tells How and Why He Killed William Murphy.

After being out an hour the jury, which will decide the fate of Silas Smith, charged with the murder of William Murphy on March 15th, returned at 8:30 last night, announcing to the court the desire to get supper before further deliberating over the case. Judge R. Carter Scott promptly adjourned court until 10 o'clock today, when the jury will say whether the prisoner shall die, be otherwise punished or acquitted.

Court convened yesterday morning at 9 o'clock, the completion of testimony for the defense and in rebuttal consuming the time of the court until noon, when adjournment was taken until 4 o'clock. At that hour the arguments of attorneys began, continuing until after midnight.

As on the first day of the trial, the prisoner was steady of nerve, displaying no indication of fear as to his chances before the jury. To the large crowd of spectators which thronged the courtroom he apparently paid no attention. His only movements, besides those necessary to make himself comfortable in his seat, were occasional attentions to his two little children, who have spent the greater part of the time since the trial began in their father's arms, the older a boy, Silas, Jr., still feverish years.

With the prisoner were his wife, daughter and mother-in-law. The most intense moment came at 10:10 o'clock, when Smith took the stand in his own defense.

It was known that he would be called, consequently the courtroom was filled with persons anxious to hear the testimony told by the only man on earth who knows the story.

On examining the prisoner spoke with positiveness and precision, his statement corresponding accurately with the testimony of members of his family, each of whom appeared Thursday as State's witnesses. As to the circumstances previous to the time when the curtain closed over the eyes of all except the prisoner and the dead man, there was scarcely the slightest disparity between his testimony and that given by the women.

The fact that the jury was unable to agree after being out more than an hour indicated clearly that it was not one mind on the point of acquittal or conviction. Smith's friends expected an early verdict.

Prisoner on the Stand. Shortly after 10 o'clock Smith took the stand. He narrated the facts which he claimed led up to, accompanied and followed the shooting. The story was a complete declaration of circumstances adequately grounding the theory of justifiable homicide.

He testified that about 9:30 o'clock on the morning of March 15th he came to Richmond, went to the barroom of David Griffith, his employer and owner of Acacia Stock Farm, where he was paid off, and that early in the day he began drinking. He said that before leaving Richmond he took three drinks, and that in the afternoon he started home, buying a pint of whiskey before leaving. From this bottle he took three drinks before arriving at the farm. During the day he declared that he continued to drink, being intoxicated by night.

The witness testified that soon after

The race is not to the swift, but to the competent.

Keep well and strong on

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"THERE'S A REASON"